



Dorothy M. Napoletano

May 5, 1935 - April 25, 2024

Dorothy Napoletano, 88, of Shelby Township Michigan passed away peacefully on April 25, 2024. She was born in Alaska, Michigan, the youngest of six children. Her father moved the family often from New York, Arizona and Florida working as a rough carpenter. It is rumored that as a baby of the family, and following the loss of an infant with crib death, she was quite spoiled by her parents and older siblings. While working at the East Detroit Roller Rink, she met her future husband, Thomas who skated there. They became quite a pair with their love of roller dancing. They married and enjoyed a life marked by love, respect and laughter. Their marriage lasted 70 years.

Surviving are her 5 children: Debra (Jim Brown) Wren, Michael (Margaret) Napoletano, Sandi Doehrman, Raymond (Barbara) Napoletano and Jennifer (Kevin) Markham. She also has 10 grandchildren Brian Napoletano, Brett (Maggie) Schmidt, Brandon Schmidt, Daron (Lindsey) Napoletano, Doug (Pooja) Doehrman, Ellery (Beatrice) Doehrman, Mattie Napoletano, Joshua Markham, Grace Napoletano, Emma Markham and six great-grandchildren, Dami, Neil, Raina, Ricardo, Olive and Ainsley. She is preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Napoletano.

Dorothy loved to entertain and hosted many family gatherings. She loved holidays, especially Christmas. She was never happier then when surrounded

by her children and grandchildren. She was the heart of the family, pulling them through difficult times as well as celebrating the joyous occasions. Her passion for family has left a legacy of caring that transfers to her children and grandchildren.

Visitation Sunday, April 28, 2024 11:00am until the Memorial service at 12noon at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3 blocks east of Van Dyke). Utica. Inurnment Great Lakes National Cemetery at a later date.

Donations can be made to the Hydrocephalus Association, 4340 East West Highway, Suite 905, Bethesda, MD 20814-4447. (www.hydroassoc.org <<http://www.hydroassoc.org>>)

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

APR 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Dorothy M. Napoletano Memorial Service Livestream in memory of Dorothy M. Napoletano*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - April 27, 2024 at 09:51 AM

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“ *Aunt Dorothy and my mom were so much alike and now they're together again. The two Knight girls closest in age and both with an incredible sense of humor. Aunt Dorothy's smile could light up a room and her laughter was contagious. Such fond memories of Aunt Dorothy at the lake and I can still hear her voice saying with laughter "Oh Jean!" My middle name is Marie named for Aunt Dorothy. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this most difficult time. Much love, Carole & Jordan*

Carole Adams Hattar - April 26, 2024 at 11:32 PM

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“ *Brian & Sara Murray purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dorothy M. Napoletano.*



Brian & Sara Murray - April 26, 2024 at 09:32 PM

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“ *Saddleback & Reinvent Family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Dorothy M. Napoletano.*



Saddleback & Reinvent Family - April 26, 2024 at 02:56 PM